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SUBJECT: SEAGA CALLS FOR AN END TO VIOLENCE
1. (U) IN A STATEMENT ISSUED ON NOVEMBER 6, PRIMIN EDWARD SEAGA APPEALED TO JAMAICA LABOUR PARTY (JLP) AND PEOPLE'S NATIONAL PARTY (PNP) SUPPORTERS TO END THE VIOLENCE AND TO CONCENTRATE THEIR EFFORTS TO THE TASK OF BUILDING THE NATION. RITING REPORTS "THAT THE VIOLENCE IS DUE ON THE ONE HAND TO THE EXCESSES ON THE PART OF THE JLP SUPPORTERS IN SOME AREAS WHO HAVE BEEN CELEBRATING THE ELECTIONS RESULTS AND ON THE OTHER HAND TO THE DEFIANCE ON THE PART OF THE PNP SUPPORTERS IN OTHER AREAS WHO ARE UNWILLING TO ACCEPT THE VERDICT OF THE PEOPLE, HE ASKED JLP MEMBER TO BE "DISCIPLINED IN THEIR TRIUMPH" AND THE PNP SUPPORTERS "TO ACCEPT THE DECISION OF THE VOTERS," HE REMINDED THE POPULATION THAT HE HAS GIVEN HIS WROD THAT THE PNP SUPPORTERS HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR FROM THE JLP GOVERNMENT.
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2. (LOU) COMMENT: THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL REPORTS THAT VICTORIOUS JLP SUPPORTRS HAVE SOUUGHT REVENGE ON PNP SUPPORTERS BY BURNING SEVERAL PNP CONSTITUTENCY OFFICES. BY FORCING PNP SUPPORTES FROM THEIR HOMES AND TAKING THEIR FURNITURE. AND BY GENERALLY HARRASSING PNP NEIGHBORS SOME PNP SUPPORTERS, LIKEWISE HAVE BEEN VICTIMIZING JLP VOTERS, BUT APPARENTLY ON A SMALLER SCALE.
3. (LOU) CONSIDEING THE FACT THAT FEELINGS RAN HIGH DURING THE LONG ARDUOS ELECTION CAMPGAIN, IT IS NOT SURPRISING THAT VIOLENCE HAS CARRIED OVER TO THE POST ELECTION PERIOD. HOWEVER, SEAGA, FORMAL APPEAL FOR AN END TO IT WILL WELCOMED BY THE MAJOIRYT OF THE JAMAICAN POPULATION. MORE CONCRETE ACTIONS, SUCH AS A DECLARED AMNESTY FOR THOSE WHO TURN IN UNLICENSED GUNS OR A CONCERTED EFFORT BY THE SECURITY FORCES TO SEIZE

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THEM, PROBABLY WOULD BE EVEN MORE APPRECIATED BY A POPULA-
TION WEARY OF POLICIALLY INSPIRED VIOLENCE. AN ANNOUNCEMENT
BY SECURITY FORCES ON NOVEMBER 6 THAT THERE IS A FULL-IN CRIMINAL
ACTIVITY WHICH SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TO CALMING THE NATION.
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